

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Public Reprimand)
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of the Educator Certificate of)
)
Roberta F. Barrett)
)
Certificate # 146472)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 12, 2004. On February 1, 2002, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding a possible certificate suspension or revocation to Ms. Roberta F. Barrett by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Barrett received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing her name. Ms. Barrett agreed to resolve the case without a hearing upon the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued by the State Board, (2) the public reprimand will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina with the grounds listed as "unprofessional conduct," and (3) this order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand for Ms. Barrett's conduct as agreed to by the parties.

Accepted:

Initial Here

Date: _____

Roberta F.
Barrett
#146472

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Barrett holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over twenty-nine years of teaching experience. In 1999, Ms. Barrett was terminated from her position at Laing Middle School, Charleston County School District, for her mishandling of an ice cream sales account and her misrepresentations on a grant application form to fund a school related activity. Ms. Barrett appealed her termination to the Circuit Court, who overturned the termination. However, on

appeal to the South Carolina Court of Appeals, the termination decision was reinstated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for a Public Reprimand to be issued to Ms. Barrett. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Mary E. Jones

Dr. Mary E. Jones

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

October 12, 2004

I, Roberta F. Barrett, SC Teaching Certificate # 146472, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, October 12, 2004.

11/1/04
Date

/S/ Roberta Barrett
Signature